

REMARKS

Further consideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1-35 were previously canceled. Claims 36, 45-48, and 60-61 have been amended. New claims 65 and 66 have been added. Claims 36-66 are now pending in the application.

In the Notice of Allowance previously issued in this case, the Examiner allowed claims 36-64. Applicants thank the Examiner for this allowance. In the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, the Examiner stated:

The prior art of record taken alone or in combination fails to teach or suggest a method and a computer readable medium comprising program instructions that implement the method, the method comprising:

obtaining a set of configuration comprising login information for an administrator account on the particular domain and network information for enabling the resource to communicate on the network; after obtaining said configuration information, configuring the resource with at least a portion of said configuration information, interacting with a domain controller to log in to the administrator account on the particular domain, and registering, using the administrative privileges of the administrator account, the resource with the particular domain such that the domain controller recognizes the resource as being part of the set of resources in the particular domain.

Conspicuous by its absence in this statement is any mention of the last limitation of the independent claims 36 and 48. From this absence, Applicants deduce that this limitation was not necessary for patentability. Thus, by this amendment, Applicants are removing this limitation from the independent claims 36 and 48. Since this limitation was not necessary for patentability, its removal should have no affect on the allowability of the claims. Hence, Applicants submit that the independent claims 36 and 48, and the claims that depend from them, are still in condition for allowance.

In addition to claims 36 and 48, claims 45-47 and 60-61 have also been amended. These claims have not been changed substantively but rather have been amended to make them consistent with the changes made to the independent claims 36 and 48.

New claims 65 and 66 have also been added. These claims recite, in dependent form, the limitation removed from independent claims 36 and 48, respectively.

Applicants submit that all of the pending claims 36-66 are patentable over the art of record, including the art cited but not applied. Accordingly, allowance of all pending claims is hereby respectfully solicited.

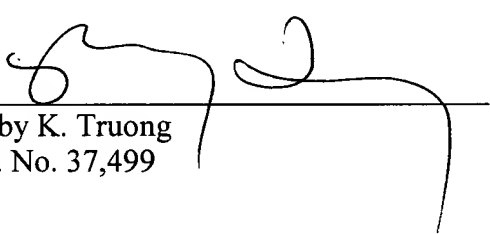
The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (408) 414-1234 to discuss any issue that may advance prosecution.

No fee is believed to be due specifically in connection with this Reply. To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee that may be due in connection with this Reply to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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